

MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL
2011 COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES OVERVIEW AND MEMBERS

STANDING COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: will consist of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and chairs of the Standing Committees. Chairs of Special Committees may participate in meetings of the Executive Committee when appropriate business is involved. The Executive Committee is responsible to conduct any business that is necessary between meetings of the full Council and will report such business at the next meeting of the Council. The Executive Committee will develop the proposed agenda for the regular and special meetings.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: will be the Nominating Committee for election of officers. This committee will maintain awareness of attendance at meetings and note vacancies on the Council with responsibility to seek potential replacements for that same position *except for state agency representatives, representatives of SAA's (Service Area Authority), representatives of KMA's (Kid's Management Authority), MACo (Montana Association of Counties, and Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC).* Applications for membership will be accepted, evaluated and presented to the Director of the Department. The committee will draft any proposed amendments to the By-Laws for presentation to the Council. The committee is responsible for orientation of new members. The committee will evaluate and make recommendations to the Council regarding the budget.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE: will prepare recommendations for legislative action as determined and approved by the Council. Committee members will assist the Department in presentations to the Administration and to candidates and legislators, including testifying before legislative committees. The Committee will work with System of Care Committee, Service Area Authorities, Local Area Councils and other mental health organizations to promote the Mission.

BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE: will work with the appropriate Department personnel on an on going basis to draft, revise and evaluate the CDBG mental health block grant.

TASK FORCES:

HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT: Identification of system barriers that impede access to Housing and Employment opportunities; development of recommendations that increase access and participation; and, participation with inter-intra agency collaborators.

CRISIS: Identification, development and implementation of evidenced based crisis services. Utilization of evidence based accessible services to include all individuals, adult, children and seniors at the community level.

TRANSITIONS: The task force will look at the major developmental crossroads in the life span where a persons support needs and service requirements are likely to change. The first priority of this task force will be to examine the transition needs of the youth with a mental health service needs moving into the adult world of support services and personal responsibility. This task force will also address other transition needs, including children's transitions inside the school and treatment systems, and the transitions that occur as a result of the consumer's involvement with the law and justice system and the Department of Corrections.